

THE CENTRALITY OF THE CROSS WHICH IS THE POWER OF GOD.

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1. **Reading:** *1Cor 1:17,18,21-25, 1Cor 11:26, Rom 1:16.*
2. v17 - The preaching of the gospel is preaching about **the cross**, but not with the wisdom of words.
3. v18 - The message of the cross, of Christ hanging on a cross dying slowly and painfully is foolishness to the unsaved, but to us, who are being saved, **it is the power of God.**
4. The world esteems wealth, position, influence, possessions, not a naked man, dying in shame and mockery on a cross.
5. But to the believer the cross is the **most powerful expression of God** in all history.
6. **The cross alone has the power** to forgive every sin of a condemned sinner and bring him into a righteous relationship with a perfectly holy God, *2Cor 5:21, Rom 5:9,10, Is 1:18, 1Pet 2:24, 1Pet 3:18.*
7. **The cross alone has the power** to set a believer free from the old nature of sin, inherited from Adam, by identification with Christ in His death, and release him into a life that demonstrates the righteousness of Christ. *Rom 6:18,22, Eph 4:24, Gal 2:20, Rom 6:5,6,11, Col 3:3, 2Cor 5:14.*
8. **The cross alone has the power** to deliver a believer from satanic influences and establish him in the Kingdom of Christ. *Col 1:13,14, Heb 2:14, Col 2:15, Jn 16:11.*
9. **The cross alone has the power** to release a believer from the control of the world's system, and enable him to live by faith in God's Word, where the Lord Himself is the Source of every supply. *Gal 6:14, Gal 1:4, Jn 12:31, Phil 4:19, Gen 26:12,13, Gen 45:8, Gen 50:20, Jn 16:33.*
10. **The cross alone has the power** to free a believer from the curse of the Law, and release him into the provisions and blessings of God's Word. *Gal 3:13, Col 2:14, Eph 1:3, Rom 8:32, 2Cor 1:20, 1Cor 2:12, Deut 28:15-68.*
11. The curse of the Law (Deut 28:15-68) is:
 - a. sickness and disease v 21,22,27,59,60.
 - b. poverty and famine v 24,38,39,40.
 - c. trouble and upset v 20,29,30,32.
 - d. defeat and destruction v 25,48, 50,51.

12. **Through the Cross of Christ** we have been redeemed from the curse of the Law, as we continue to walk in obedience to God's will.
- a. Christ has taken our sicknesses and diseases and has given to us divine healing and health. *Mat 8:17, 1Pet 2:24, Jam 5:14-16, Mat 9:5, Mal 4:2, Mat 4:23, Mat 10:8.*
 - b. Through Christ we have our needs provided for. *Phil 4:19, Rom 8:32, 2Cor 1:20, 1Cor 2:12, 2Pet 1:3,4.*
 - c. Christ has given us His peace. *Jn 14:27, Eph 2:14-17, Jn 14:1, Phil 4:6,7.*
 - d. In Christ we are delivered from our enemies. *2Tim 4:18,19, Ps 91, Ps 27.*
13. **Please note that:**
The Work of Christ on the Cross = Our "Salvation". (See No 120)
14. **To receive power to live the Christian life focus on:**
- a. The Cross and what Christ accomplished for our redemption, *Eph 1:7.*
 - b. The Word of God.
 - c. The Holy Spirit.

That is our **salvation, faith and anointing.**

Please compare this with *1Jn 5:4-6,8.*